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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Richard E. Pegue, who passed away on March 3, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Pegue was born in Chicago on July 29, 1944; he attended Cornell Elementary School, Morgan Park High School, and Columbia College; and

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WHEREAS, By the age of 16, Richard Pegue was working as a DJ at dances on Chicago's South Side; during the 1960s, he sang and played the guitar and piano with a doo-wop group, the Norvells; he also wrote several songs, including "Which One Am I?", "Nevermore", "This is the Woman", and "I'm Not Ready to Settle Down"; and

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WHEREAS, In 1968, Richard Pegue was named music director at WVON, where he worked until 1975; he then worked for several stations, including a stint at WGCI; he also wrote radio commercial jingles while working at WGCI, including the theme for the Fun Time Amusement Park, a tune for the Moo & Oink meat company, and a song called "Gas for 50 cents"; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Pegue was a part of "The Good Guys", a hand-picked crew of on-air personalities who were selected for

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1 WVON Radio when it was started in 1963 by Leonard and Phil
2 Chess, owners of Chess Records; he was well known for his work
3 on the station's overnight shift, where his theme song
4 suggested "Stay Awhile with Me" while he played "dusties", his
5 rhythm-and-blues version of oldies; and

6 WHEREAS, Richard Pegue is survived by his wife, Sevina, and
7 his three children; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
11 Richard E. Pegue; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Richard Pegue as an expression of
14 our sympathy.